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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Zyzak, et al.

Serial No.: 09/558,458

Filed: April 25, 2000

For: **FLAVOR ENHANCING OILS**

) Examiner: Leslie A. Wong
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) Attorney Docket No.: 26416/04844

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2002. A petition for a one-month extension for timely response and the appropriate fee has been mailed with this response.

Please Amend the Claims as Follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A flavor-enhancing oil comprising:

- B'
- a) at least one edible liquid oil;
 - b) a matrix-forming material comprising silicon dioxide; and
 - c) a flavor enhancing amount of at least one water soluble particulate flavor enhancer, wherein said water soluble particulate flavor enhancer is dispersed throughout said edible liquid oil.